PATENT (5580-03100/BP1839) IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE pplication No.: 09/901,740 AUE 3 Examiner: Unknown § Filed: July 9, 2001 Group/Art Unit: Unknown **Technology Center 2600** § § Inventor(s): Atty. Dkt. No: 5580-03100 Robert Rogenmoser § § Lief O'Donnell I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231, on the date indicated below. § § Fast and Wide Multiplexing Title: Lawrence J. Merkel § § Circuits Name of Registered Representative § § § INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231 'AUG 2 9 20uil Sir: BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS Applicant requests consideration of \(\subseteq \text{the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and/or \(\) the additional information identified below in paragraph 3. A copy of each reference listed on the Form PTO-1449 is enclosed. This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted: 1. \boxtimes within 3 months of the filing date of a national application other than a a. continued prosecution application under § 1.53(d); within 3 months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in § 1.491 in an International application; before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits; or

continued examination under § 1.114.

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before the mailing of a first Office Action after the filing of a request for

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certification of paragraph 2 below is provided, or a fee of \$180.00 is

final Office Action or Notice of Allowance, and thus:

	c.		after the mailing date of a final Office Action or a Notice of Allowance and prior to payment of the issue fee, and thus: the certification of paragraph 2 below is provided and a fee of \$180.00 is enclosed.		
2.	It is hereby certified:				
		was ci	ch item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement ted in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application not more than three months prior to the filing of the tent, or		
		was ci foreign after n	ted in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application or, to the knowledge of the person signing the certification making reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in § 2) more than three months prior to the filing of the Statement.		
3.	\boxtimes		leration of the following additional information (including any co-pending addoned U.S. applications, prior uses and/or sales, etc.) is requested:		
			U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/859,194 (5580-01000) pp. 1, entitled "Background of the Invention," from the captioned application specification.		
4.	For each non-English language reference listed on the attached Form PTO-1449:				
		referer	ice is made to an English language translation submitted herewith, and/or		
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			ace is made to an English language translation of a foreign patent office report submitted herewith, and/or		
			ace is made to the concise explanation contained in the specification of the tapplication at page(s), and/or		
		referer	ace is made to the concise explanation set forth below:		
5.		Applic	ant also offers the following comments for the Examiner's consideration:		
6.		Also e	nclosed is a copy of a foreign search report citing these references.		
7.		payme common not me Statem	sted documents were brought to the attention of the Applicant(s) after nt of the issue fee in the captioned case. The documents were cited in a unication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application ore than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure tent. Applicant(s) request this Information Disclosure Statement and and Form PTO-1449 be placed in the file of the captioned application.		

8.	Applicant(s) requests that the Information Disclosure Statement and attached Form PTO-1449 and references, which are being filed before the grant of the
	patent and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(i), be placed in the file of the captioned application.

If any required fees are missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Conley, Rose & Tayon, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-1505/5580-03100/LJM.

Respectfully submitted,

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